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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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Feed Materials Production Center
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RE: Research Grants
Environmental Project

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) revised documents which included a response to comments and a revised ecological research grants work plan at the Fernald site. This was required as part of the environmental projects involved in the Operable Unit 4 dispute resolution.

U.S. DOE has adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments and incorporated them into the revised work plan. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the ecological research grants work plan.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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